

COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHNNY S. LIZAMA ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a true public servant, Brigadier General Johnny S. Lizama, and congratulate him on his retirement from the Guam Air National Guard after 43 years of service to our island and nation.

After graduating from Father Duenas Memorial School in 1977, Brigadier General Lizama remained determined for success and set his sights on a university degree. While earning his Bachelor of Arts in Business Management, he followed in the footsteps of his father, a Vietnam War-era sailor, and first enlisted with the Coast Guard Reserve on Guam. He then transitioned into active-duty status with the United States Air Force in 1982, where he was stationed at Eglin AFB, Florida and Beale AFB, California. Cognizant of the importance of both knowledge and experience, Brigadier General Lizama used the educational opportunities offered by the military to assist in propelling his career forward. As a graduate of the Air War College with a master's degree in public administration from Golden Gate University and numerous other certifications and training under his belt, Brigadier General Lizama emerged as a pillar of leadership for our community and servicemembers with unwavering resolution.

With recognitions such as a Small Arms Marksmanship Ribbon, Humanitarian Service Medal, Meritorious Unit Award, Army Achievement, Air Force Achievement, Air Force Commendation, Meritorious Service Medal, and Legion of Merit, Brigadier General Lizama's countless awards and decorations only offer a glimpse of his character and long history in public service. By 1988, he returned to Guam to serve in our Air National Guard, where his work, achievements, and strategic understanding of Guam assisted in its development as a world-class organization. Humbly and steadily rising through the ranks, Brigadier General Lizama paved a path from machinery technician to interior electrician, manpower specialist, services specialist, and onto his first commission as an officer in 1992.

His breadth of experience and specialties further equipped him with valuable tools to successfully lead in numerous other senior positions. In his role as former Homeland Security Advisor for the Governor of Guam, Brigadier General Lizama advanced the safety and security of Guam as the frontline for all activities in our region. His drive and professionalism further paved the way for him to write history when, in 2016, he emerged as a pioneer and became the first Chamorro Airman to be promoted and federally recognized at the rank of brigadier general in the Guam Air National Guard and the United States Air Force. Through this position, he exercised control of all Guam Air-National Guard personnel, material and fiscal resources, and advised the Adjutant General on Guard functions. As the Assistant Adjutant General and

hand-picked Commander of the Guam Air National Guard, he was also responsible for the strategic administration, coordination, planning, and development of policies and programs to ensure mission readiness units that serve local communities, State, and Nation, for both homeland and defense missions.

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, Brigadier General Lizama's leadership has also been critical to our public and the Guam National Guard's response to the dynamic needs of our government and community. Establishing yet another milestone for our community as the first Guam dual-status commander for Joint Task Force 671 appointed by the Secretary of Defense and the Governor of Guam, he oversaw the operations for all service members, federal entities, and local agencies responding to the pandemic on the island. Further working with Guam Homeland Security and FEMA to assess and plan current and future operations and missions which target flattening the curve, he embodies the definition of selflessness and fortitude.

Throughout his journey and with every success, Brigadier General Lizama has never failed to demonstrate the defining humility of a true servant leader. He credits his inspiration and achievements to his faith, the deep love he shares with his resilient parents and parents-in-law, Eloy L.G. and Dolores S. Lizama, Tomas G. and Delores C. San Nicolas, Dee, his wife of over 37 years, their children, Major (USAF) Keith and his wife Paula-Jean, Lieutenant (USN) Kimberly and her husband Jonathan, Airman First Class (USAF) Cody and Rico, and his four grandchildren, Taehlyn-Jean, Urijah-John, Logan-James and Brendan-Jacob, and the sons and daughters of Guam.

Brigadier General Johnny Lizama served our island and nation with much honor, actively transformed Guam and its Air National Guard, and continues to inspire many members of our community. Madam Speaker, I rise on behalf of the People of Guam, offering my greatest appreciation for his commitment to our country. I sincerely thank Brigadier General Lizama for his many years of service and sacrifice, congratulate him on his well-earned retirement, and wish him the best as he enters a new chapter in his life.

**TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF
PAUL O. REIMER**

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Paul O. Reimer, a California native who was born on July 15, 1927, and died on April 25, 2021, at his home in Portola Valley, California, at the age of 93.

Paul was the only child of Ruby and Paul Reimer and was raised in Alturas, California. He enlisted in the Army at the age of 17 and was assigned to the University of Idaho to learn basic engineering. After basic training he was sent to Japan and Korea. After his WWII service, Paul earned a Civil Engineering degree at the University of Nevada. It was at Reno that he met his wife, Kathryn Ann Brennan, and where he developed strong loyalties

to his professors and friends, and he was a very proud and supportive alum.

Paul and Kathryn married in 1951 and moved to Palo Alto, California. They had three children, Mark, Ted (who died in 2018), and Kristie. Kay died in 2005, and Paul is survived by Mark and his wife Ana, daughter Kristie, seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Paul formed Reimer Associates, Consulting Civil Engineers, in 1976, and went far beyond engineering design services. He was joined at the firm by his daughter Kristie in 1990, and together they gained national recognition for their work with the communities impacted by the Base Realignment and Closure Committee. Paul was a member of the Defense Environmental Response Task Force and appointment to this nine-member Task Force required House and Senate confirmation. He was an active member of many professional societies and received many honors for his work.

Paul gave back to his community through his work researching the path that Gaspar de Portola took during his 1769 expedition to the San Mateo and San Francisco County coasts, and through his long service with the Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space District and the Peninsula Open Space Trust.

Madam Speaker, Paul Reimer has been described as a poet, a wit, a true gentleman, a gifted engineer, a gracious host, a best friend, and most importantly, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and godfather. He was a great and good man who made his community and his country better places for all of us. I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in extending our most sincere condolences to his family and in honoring the life of this extraordinary American.

SUB AND BOWL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today, to recognize the Sub and Bowl restaurant for their 20 years of service to the Golden Hill Office Center and its tenants. This local, minority-owned small business in Lakewood, Colo. will be closing after two decades of service.

Sub and Bowl opened its doors in 2001 and has served the numerous tenants of the Golden Hill Office Center with American and Korean meals for breakfast and lunch. It has survived quite a few challenges over the last 20 years, including the Great Recession and most recently, the COVID 19 pandemic which kept workers home for many months.

I want to recognize owners Jung and Michelle for their dedication and service to the tenants of the Golden Hill Office Center: My staff and I will miss their warm greetings, conversation and great food.

I extend my gratitude to Jung and Michelle of the Sub and Bowl for their service to our community. I wish them the best in their move to Texas and all of their future endeavors.